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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 7604

E.O. 12065: GDS 10/4/86 (FORBES JOHN) OR-P
TAGS: PINT, JM
SUBJECT: PNP CANDIDATE KILLED

REF: KINGSTON 7598

1. C-ENTIRE TEXT

2. [ ] POLICE INFORMATION CENTER (PIC) b (1) ED
[ ] HAS PROVIDED THE EMBASSY WITH THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE DEATH OF PEOPLE NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ROY MCGANN. [ ] GROUPS FROM THE JAMAICA b (1) ED
LABOR PARTY (JLP) AND THE PNP ENCOUNTERED ONE ANOTHER IN THE CENTER OF GORDON TOWN EARLY IN THE MONRING OCTOBER 14. A DISTRUBANCE BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS ANSUED AND SHOTS WERE FIRED BY BOTH SIDES. THE POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE AND WERECAUGHT IN THECROSS FIRE. THE POLICE RETURNED FIRE AND MCGANN AND A POLICE CORPORAL WERE SHOT. MCGANN WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL BUT DIED EN ROUTE. AND THE POLICEMEN ALSO DIED. COLE SAID THAT IT HAD NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED WHO HAD SHOT MCGANN AND THAT THE PIC WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THIS UNTIL BALLISTICS EXPERTSCOULD INVESTIGATE.

3. AN EMBSSY FOREIGN NATIONAL EMPLOYE WHO WAS MONITORING THE POLICE RADIO NETWORK EARLY THIS MORNING CLAIMS TO HAVE HEARD A REPORT THAT MCGANN WAS SHOT BY THE SECURITY FORCES.

4. PNP GENERAL SECRETARY DR. D.K. DUNCAN HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT IN WHICH HE CLAIMS THAT MCGANN HAD REPEATEDY COMPLAINED TO THE JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE OF THE JAMAICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF BEING FOLLOWED BY HIS OPPONENTS. DUNCAN REPEATED THE PRIME MINISTER'S CALL FOR PNP CANDIDATES TO PROCEED WITH NOMINATION PROCEDURES ANC CALLED ON THE JLP TO RESTRAIN ITS SUPPORTERS.
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